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House Bill No. **1836**



Introduced by Representative Wilton “Tonton” T. Kho

**AN ACT ESTABLISHING A LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND
REGULATORY BOARD (LTFRB) DISTRICT OFFICE IN THE MUNICIPALITY
OF CATAINGAN, PROVINCE OF MASBATE, APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

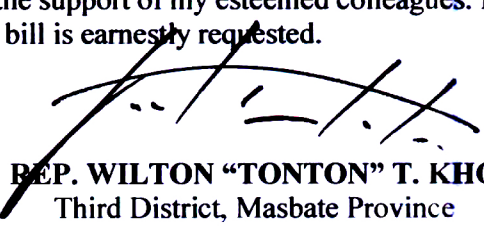
This bill seeks to establish a district office of the Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB) in the Municipality of Cataingan, Province of Masbate.

In order to avail of the services of the LTFRB, the Certificate of Public Convenience (CPC) holders and applicants who are residents or operating in the province of Masbate experience connectivity/logistical challenges due to the significant distance between the province and the nearest LTFRB regional office situated at the City of Legazpi, Province of Albay. These connectivity/ logistical challenges result in added expenses and time wastage.

Expectedly, the riding public will bear the brunt of such expenses through increased fares. Moreover, the absence of an accessible office dissuades some public transport operators from submitting their operations to the regulation of the LTFRB. This results to the proliferation of “habal-habals” or “colorum” modes of transportation, which, as we all know, poses significant risks.

The establishment of an LTFRB district office at the Municipality of Cataingan, Province of Masbate, will surely remedy the situation with the expectation of reduced expenses and travel time. This will result in the reduction of costs to transport operators, the riding public, and all the stakeholders. Moreover, it will also discourage the operations of unregulated modes of public transportation.

This bill has successfully passed the Third Reading in the 19th Congress and has been transmitted to the Senate. I fervently hope that in this current Congress, this crucial legislation will be enacted into law with the support of my esteemed colleagues. In view of the foregoing, the immediate passage of this bill is earnestly requested.


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*Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Philippines in
Congress assembled:*

SECTION 1. There is hereby established a district office of the Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB) in the Municipality of Cataingan, Masbate.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of Transportation shall immediately include in the Department of Transportation’s programs the establishment, operationalization, and maintenance of the LTFRB district office in the Municipality of Cataingan, Province of Masbate, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 3. The Secretary of Transportation shall formulate the necessary rules and regulations to carry out the purpose of this Act.

SEC. 4. If any provision of this Act is held invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions not so declared shall remain in force and effect.

SEC. 5. All laws, decrees, orders, and rules and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or amended accordingly

SEC. 6. - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,